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## Equal play for Living Single



**HOLLYWOOD**—Take a group of its twenty-something men and women, place them in a New York apartment building; add sexual tension and the never-ending search for love and you have at least two of this season's hit TV shows.

Throw in notions of promotions, such as commercials, magazine articles and show-related merchandise, and you are talking about only one. And that is what has the cast and crew of *Living Single* is upset about.

While *Friends*, and its many copy-

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## MINISTER CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN ROBBERY

**EAST ORANGE**—In a horrifying turn of events, a minister was carjacked and repeatedly shot on Tuesday night, February 6, after dropping off some children who had been attending an evening service.

Reverend William J. Barnett, Jr., of the Citadel of Hope Mission, was reported to be in critical, but stable condition on a life-support system in University Hospital, Newark, after being shot in the head, hand, chest and knee.

East Orange Police Chief Harry E. Harman and other law enforcement officials are working hard to identify the gunman responsible for attacking Barnett. According to officials, the assailants stole the minister's van, his wallet, and a bag containing church offerings after stalking and gunning down the fleeing minister.

## CBS EXEC QUITS BUT DENIES RACIAL COMMENTS

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The top late-night programming executive for CBS has quit but denies he ever made the racial slurs that got him in trouble. John Pike was quoted secondhand in February's *Details* magazine as saying that blacks made good late-night audiences because they're jobless, can stay up late and have short attention spans suited for sketch comedy.

"Those remarks as reported were deeply offensive both to the public and to the entire CBS organization," the network said Thursday in a statement.

"CBS regrets our association with Mr. Pike has come to an end," said CBS exec/page 8

## MICROSOFT, BET LAUNCH JOINT VENTURE

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Microsoft Corp. and Black Entertainment Television (BET) are launching a joint venture which at first will provide entertainment and news for black Americans on the Internet.

The Microsoft-BET alliance is the latest in a series of ventures the giant has announced with other broadcasters and media companies to distribute their products on the global computer network.

## TREFFINGER CUTS ZOO'S FUNDING

**WEST ORANGE**—As part of County Executive James W. Treffinger's budget plan, funding for Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo, will be drastically cut from \$958,114, in 1995, to \$292,190 in 1996.

The 15-acre West Orange teaching and research center.

## Residents want mayor recalled

by Kelly Howard

**PLAINFIELD**—A group of Plainfield residents have recently met all the state requirements to initiate the process to recall Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury, said City Clerk Laddie Wyatt.

As they attempted to gather petitions last summer, the group was informed that those gathered so far were invalid, and that they must follow the proper procedures according to state regulations under the new uniform recall bill.

With the proper steps finally taken, the organization, consisting of residents Trudy Christiansen, James Mills and Rose Marie Schmitz, are working at getting the almost 4,000 signatures needed within 180 days. When and if they are able to get all of the signatures, there will be a special election costing the residents of Plainfield over \$34,000.

According to Christiansen, a life-

long resident of Plainfield, the recall is being sought for a good number of reasons. For one, she said that the mayor has appointed too many unqualified people to positions in the city.

Christiansen also said the group felt the mayor was pushing too many things through too fast, including the new certificate of compliance ordinance, which requires that homes up for sale meet a set of minimum standards before being sold.

In response to hearing this Mayor Fury said, "Many of the same people who have a problem with the 400 many changes that I have made are the same ones who complained about previous mayors not doing enough. The compliance ordinance has been put in place to improve the life of renters, and get in hand the slum lords who don't take proper care of their properties."

While the organization and detractors work to remove the mayor, many others support the mayor and feel that he has and is doing a good job. "I truly believe we should be applauding the mayor for the jobs he's doing," said Plainfield resident Don Davis.



Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury

real public asset," said Burton. "It needs to be shared by everyone in the state and all of its constituents." He added his experience in the business world and his experience as an athletic competitor to help him with his duties at the Sports Authority.

Burton also said, "I feel the Sports Authority and Meadowlands is a state public asset and it should be accessible to all for attending events as well as work opportunities. I plan to look into what opportunities are there for minority vendors, and if there are none find out why not."

If confirmed by the Legislature, Burton would take the expired seat of Cardell Cooper mayor of East Orange. Cooper's term expired in late June, but he has been continuing to serve until his seat is filled.

## Ronald Burton named to Sports Authority



Ronald Burton

**TRENTON**—Gov. Christie Whitman has resubmitted the name Ronald J. Burton of Montclair to become a member of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Burton is a vice president of the company since 1974, at R.H. Donnelly, a unit of Dun & Bradstreet Corp.

"I believe Ron Burton will be a valuable addition to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority," said Gov. Whitman.

Besides his professional career, Burton is an involved member in a number of civic and community activities, such as United Way of North Essex, and the NAACP of Montclair. He is also a board member of the National conference of Christian and Jews.

"I view the Sports Authority as a

## 555 years in captivity

The beginning of a new race



Sojourner Truth, born a slave in New York, later gained her freedom and became a prominent abolitionist and activist.

by Kelly Howard

As the levels of bondage changed and increased year by year, the Africans brought to America worked to recreate their many different cultures and assimilate it with those new ones learned from the whites. At times their attempts to retain a part of their homeland, was met with resistance from their white masters.

The master hoped to train the slave to be a mindless zombie, obeying his every command and working hard for little reward and punishment, his rule over the slaves could barely impinge upon how slaves established friendships. Left in love, formed kin groups, worshipped their gods, or organized their leisure time.

While the master could set external boundaries of existence for their slaves, but common elements emerged led by developments in the South, where about 90 percent of American slaves labored during the colonial period.

At first this culture had many variations because slaves came from so many areas in Africa and lived under different conditions in the colonies. But common elements emerged led by developments in the South, where about 90 percent of American slaves labored during the colonial period.

Of great importance to the slaves was the struggle to find meaning and worth in their existence, no matter how brutal and discouraging the slave system that shackled them. In this quest, religion and family played a central role—one destined to continue far into the post-slavery period.

Africans brought a complex religious heritage to the New World. No amount of desecration or physical abuse could wipe out their deeply rooted beliefs. And as they endured the daily hardships that accompanied slavery, they turned for relief to their deepest emotional sources.

While most English prohibited slave marriages, the practice of domestic life was an area in which slaves and masters struck a bargain. Master found that slaves would work harder if they were allowed to form a family. And slaves valued family life so highly that they were willing to risk almost everything to secure the right to marry and parent children.

In these important aspects of their daily life, slaves in America, as well as the other colonies, drew upon their African—Yoruba, Ashanti, Zulu, Twi, and Kumba—heritage to shape their existence to some degree. If, doing so, they laid the foundation for an African American culture.

## The battle for freedom: 1700-1780

**1700**—In his pamphlet "The Selling of Joseph," Judge Samuel Sewall of Massachusetts argues against slavery, advocating emancipation and education of black slaves. Quaker leader George Fox urges slave owners to provide religious instruction for their slaves. William Penn, The Quaker governor of Pennsylvania, establishes a monthly meeting for African Americans. In the British North America there are 27,817 slaves, about 22,600 in the South.

**1705**—In Virginia, African Americans are slaves for life unless Christian in native land or were free in a Christian country. Massachusetts declares intermarriage between blacks and whites to be illegal.

**1706**—New York and Virginia pass laws stating slaves cannot become free by Christian baptism.

**1710**—The government of Virginia officially frees a slave named Will for his service in exposing a slave revolt. There are 44,866 slaves in the British colonies.

**1711**—Quaker sentiment persuades the colonial government to outlaw slavery in Pennsylvania, but the law is vetoed by the British government.

**1712**—In New York City a slave revolt leaves 9 whites dead, and some 20 African American rebels are either killed or commit suicide.

**1716**—A Massachusetts pamphlet declares that slavery discourages new settlements on the frontier by limiting job opportunities for whites.

**1717**—In Massachusetts, the Puritan clergyman Cotton Mather holds evening classes to instruct African Americans and Native Americans.

**1721**—Onesimus, a slave in the household of Cotton Mather, tells

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## Newark, still Sharpe's city

by Kelly Howard

**NEWARK**—As a federal corruption probe cuts by both the federal and state government and attacks from the press rain on him, Newark Mayor Sharpe James shared the positive in being a part of Newark as he poured out many points that defend his work in his 10th annual State of the City address, on January 31.

In his 30-minute speech before a packed City Council chamber of city employees and supporters, James took stand against the many negative things that have been receding upon his office and appointments as of late. Much of James' 41-page speech was dominated by the many accomplishments of the last decade.

James reminded the audience of the many positive things that occurred in 1995, such as the incident-free visit of Pope John Paul II; Newark becoming the primary port of entry for Hyundai, which will generate almost 170 new jobs, \$9.5 million in annual business revenue, and \$500,000 a year in state and local taxes; and the opening of the completely federally funded, Newark Public School Academy and Mayor Sharpe James Headstart Center.

"Our achievements are noteworthy in number and quality, especially since they were recorded in the face of declining federal and state commitments to the fiscal



Newark Mayor Sharpe James

problems of our city," said James. "These achievements indicate our determination to prevail together with strong leadership and sound management that governs by example."

Paramount to the mayor's speech was his many areas of priority for 1996, including public safety, private housing, private sector housing, health and welfare, and recreational and cultural affairs. Closing out his speech on the same note as he began, James said, "With the City of Newark doing more with less and with some assistance from the State, County and the Newark Board of Education, the historic year of 1995 will lead into 1996—a year of governmental and citizen acceptance of greater responsibilities."

## Dems face od challenges with new intensity

by Michael Burton

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Over 200 African American elected officials, religious, community and business leaders attended the New Jersey African-American Political Alliance's annual meeting held at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in New Brunswick, NJ on February 3. Chaired by New Jersey's only African American Congressman Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.) the meeting consisted of updates of political organizing around the state and the country, and a planning session about future political activities.

The meeting was an opportunity for African Americans across the state to create their own African American Political Agenda and participants from over 28 New Jersey cities and townships voiced concerns about the Democratic Party and its relationship with African Americans and their communities.

Participants suggested that increased voter registration drives should be held in urban communities with adequate follow up to see who actually voted. The need for voter education was also discussed as well as a necessity for the party to adequately address the needs and concerns of African American communities. The need for African Americans to play key roles in the Democratic Party campaigns across the state

and regions was a central theme throughout the discussions.

Invited guests Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-9th Dist.), candidate for the United States Senate and Tom Byrne, Democratic State Committee Chairman addressed the group. Byrne addressed his commitment for African Americans to become more involved in the political process. "We need the urban areas registered and voting if we are going to take this thing back from the Republicans," Byrne said.

Torricelli discussed his vision for the future admitting in his opening that the party has neglected African Americans. "In the past African Americans have been taken for granted. I admit that. But I know in order for me to get elected I need your vote, to get in and stay in."

Stressing the urgency of the situation, Rep. Payne, also chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said, "1996 is will be one of the most critical election years in the modern history of African Americans. At stake is whether the country will go forward or whether it will regress under the leadership of Newt Gingrich and the Republican Party."

"The decisions made this year will affect us in the next several decades. Therefore maximum voter participation and involvement in the political process will be essential for us to determine our future destiny,"

## The four Betty Crockers

**NORTH CAROLINA (AP)**—Faces of four North Carolina women will form how the Betty Crocker of the '90s will look. The four will be among 75 women nationwide whose features are to be blended by computer to create the head of the familiar icon of American cooking.

Photos of the 75 winners and Betty Crocker's 1986 portrait will be used for a single computer-generated composite image. Artist John Stuart Ingle will use that picture to paint a new portrait of Betty, which will be unveiled in the next couple of months.

None of the winners—which include Cindy Winter-Hartley of Cary, Julie Levine of Wilmington, Diann Gordon of Charlotte and Anna Lynn of Rutherford—will know which part of the finished product is them.

"I want them to capture my energy, my enthusiasm," Winter-Hartley said Friday. "Some people say it's in my eyes." The contest did not judge winning recipes, but essays—typically on a candidate's dedication to family and community.

"I guess 'no' to aprons, cooking and motherhood, my eyes must have been watching, my heart must have been open and my mind must have been remembering," Winter-Hartley wrote in her entry.

Levine wrote of her community involvement. She volunteers at her daughter's school, a domestic violence shelter and Cape Fear Museum. Of the four North Carolina winners, two did not even submit an essay.

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# PEOPLE

## Debra Jenkins elected to Girl Scout Board



**WESTFIELD**—Debra Jenkins of Plainfield was elected to a one-year term on the Board of Directors of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at the council's 39th annual meeting. Jenkins is currently assistant secretary for the director of School Based Youth Services, a Plainfield organization which oversees programs such as counseling for teen moms and dads and provides day care for the children while the parents are in school. Jenkins is also an active volunteer in the Pop Warner League in Plainfield.



## EMTs save life with new technique

**NEWARK**—Plainfield residents, Fabian Buchanan and Charles Coles Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) with UMDNJ-University Hospital's Emergency Service were recently awarded for making the first successful save for the hospital using a state-of-the-art Emergency Medical Technician Defibrillator. Buchanan and Coles saved the life of a 64-year-old woman who went into cardiac arrest and collapsed three days before Christmas. The EMTs administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and used the portable defibrillator which is applied at the beginning of CPR. The defibrillator analyzes the heart rhythm and identifies whether it is a shockable rhythm—whether the heart needs a "jump start." Pictured, Fabian Buchanan, EMT-D (2nd from l) and Charles Coles, EMT-D accompanied by Nancy Hamstra, (l) Director of EMS and Mark Quadrel, (r) MD, Associate Medical Director of EMS display their awards.

## Raising the history



**LONGBRANCH**—Professor Elton Walker of Long Branch, director of the African-American Studies program at Monmouth University, raises the African-American flag on the university flagpole south of Woodrow Wilson Hall on Friday, February 1. The flag ceremony, an annual event, signified the beginning of the Monmouth campus observance of Black History Month.



## Enterprising scholars

**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College (JCSC) media arts majors Anthony Cicerale (3rd from l), Alexandria Velakidis (3rd from r) and Rahiem Grimsley (r) of Newark, were named recipients of the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Scholarships for the 1995-96 academic year. At a campus ceremony, the scholarships were presented by S. Charles Garofalo (l) director of the Division of New Jersey Enterprise Zones. Participating in the presentations were John R. Nevin, JCSC VP for development and public affairs (2nd from l) and Jane Steuerwald (standing) chair of the JCSC Department of Media Arts.

## Community Calendar

### THRU MARCH 31

**NEW YORK**—"Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II" will be presented at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**UNION**—"Heartseaver" 3-hour life-saving course for seniors at Saint Barnabas and Union Hospitals at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for course price call St. Barnabas at 201-325-6053 or Union at 908-964-0444.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—A free public seminar on estate and federal income tax will be held at the NJ Law Center at 7 p.m. for more info call 908-937-7525.

**JERSEY CITY**—"You and Your Finances," Peter Kulas, resident VP of First Investors will speak on financial investment, noon in the formal lounge at JCSC. For more info call 201-202-3189.

### FEBRUARY 16 & 17

Physical therapists will be on call to answer questions on women's health concerns including osteoporosis on a hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. call 1-800-955-7848.

### FEBRUARY 16 THRU APRIL 28

**NEW YORK**—"Faberge in America,"

will be on display at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NEW YORK**—City-Harlem Globetrotters in "The World's Greatest Basketball Show" at Madison Square Garden. For ticket info call 212-685-6773.

**EDISON**—Toastmasters International meets at the Edison Public Library at 10 a.m. for more info call 1-800-SPEAK.

### THRU FEBRUARY 20

**PLAINFIELD**—Literacy Volunteers of America Plainfield chapter is hosting a Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop at the Plainfield Public Library every Tuesday. Workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. for more info call 908-755-7998.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**SOUTH ORANGE**—"Building Your Family Through Infant Adoption," and educational forum being offered for prospective adoptive parents is being presented by Spence-Chapin Services for Family and Children at the Baird Community Center, 7 p.m. For more info call 201-275-1212.

**JERSEY CITY**—"Women Raising Your Self-Esteem" a group discussion at the Women's center of JCSC at 4:30 p.m. For more info call 201-202-3189.

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## NATION

## King family agrees to market his image

National News  
at a glanceCONGRESSIONAL  
PROBE OF  
FARRAKHAN  
POSSIBLE

Rep. Peter King (R-NY) has asked Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to appear before his House International Relations Operations and Human Rights Subcommittee regarding his recent meetings with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in Tripoli. Farrakhan, who recently ended a tour of 23 African and Islamic nations, where he met with the heads of those states, is reported to have received a commitment of \$1 billion from Gadhafi to set up an Islamic lobby in the U.S. and "mobilize the oppressed minorities to play a significant role in American political life." Louis Farrakhan has consorted with and sought the financial assistance of a sworn enemy of the United States, said Congressman King. But JANA, the official Libyan news agency, says, "We strongly deny that Libya contributed this amount."—WASHINGTON, DC

BLOWING THE HORN  
FOR AFRICAN-  
AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS

The Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc. (TBS) will air the Trumpet Awards in a 90-minute special on Saturday, Feb. 24. Xerona Clayborn, TBS assistant corporate vice president of urban affairs, created the program in 1992 to honor African Americans and to acknowledge their accomplishments. The 1996 awarders are: Kathleen Battle, opera star; Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., defense lawyer; Virgie W. Colbert, Miller Brewing Co. executive; Milly Evers-Williams, NAACP board president and civil rights activist; Catherine L. Hughes, CEO and owner of Radio One Inc., radio network; Dr. LaSalle D. Lefell Jr., surgeon and scholar; Charley Fridge, country music singer; Ronald Townsend, president of Gannett Television and professional basketball coach Lenny Wilkens. Presenters include Denzel Washington who will present the NAACP's \$100,000 check during the ceremony.

—ATLANTA, GA

BLACK PRESS WEEK  
TO BE CELEBRATED  
MARCH 11-17

The Black Press of America, with more than 230 African American-oriented newspaper operations, will celebrate Black Press Week during the week of March 11-17. America's first black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, hit the streets of New York City on March 16, 1827. Black publishers will convene in Washington, D.C. during the week to hold a series of meetings with government officials, including those of the White House. The National Newspaper Publishers Association, also known as the Black Press of America will hold its 1996 "Newsmaker of the Year" on the campus of Howard University and the Black Press Week Dinner at the National Press Club.

—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACK NEWSPAPER  
EXHIBIT FEATURED AT  
CHICAGO'S BLACK  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Culturalist Geoff Watts' Black Newspaper Exhibit is the central focus of the Black Heritage Festival, held at Chicago's Navy Pier during Black History Month. The exhibit, complete with over 100 newspapers from across the country, focuses on the coverage of the highly successful Million Man March.—CHICAGO, IL

NEW MUSEUM IN ST.  
LOUIS HONORS BLACK  
INVENTORS

Black inventors are being honored with the opening of a museum during Black History Month in St. Louis. The Museum of Black Inventors houses photographs, replicas, artifacts and documents drawn from the 1800s to the present, says founder Loretta Moore. It aims to increase public awareness and understanding of inventions contributed by black Americans. Inventions include an antique printing press, lawn mower, mop, horse-drawn, pressing comb, gas burner, fire extinguisher and thermostat.

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ATLANTA (AP)—After zealously guarding Martin Luther King Jr.'s name and image for years, the slain civil rights leader's family says it will approve the licensing of merchandise bearing King's words and image.

The change stems from the explosion of bootleg King merchandise on the market, said Dexter Scott King, King's youngest son.

"We have a legal right to protect who ours, but whether it's morally right, some people would question," said King. "I think it's both."

King is chief executive officer of the Estate of Martin Luther King Jr., a corporation established by King's heirs in 1993. He also serves as president, chairman and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

"I want it to be clear that all of this was born out of reaction," King said. "If people are going to exploit it, do we turn a blind eye and say, 'Well, we don't mind if you make money, but if you think about us down the road and you want to help us under-

write our overhead, send us a check.'"

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, who was an adviser to the civil rights leader, supports the family's change of heart.

"If there is money to be made, some of it should go to his family," Vivian said. "Martin could have quit and made millions in corporate America or he could have traveled, giving speeches. But he gave his life to the movement."

"There are millions of people—black and white—reaping the rewards of Martin's work," he said. "There is no reason why his family should not live comfortably."

A line of personal checks and a limited edition state statute are already on the market.

Other products being developed include Olympic pins and CDs that, for the first time, will feature many of King's speeches. A motion picture on King's life and an annual television awards program similar to the Kennedy Center awards are in the works.

Phillip Jones, president and CEO of Intellectual Properties Manage-

ment, which oversees the King Estate, said more than a thousand inquiries pour in each month for King-related products.

Jones said unlicensed vendors can be squeezed out by high quality and tasteful King merchandise.

"You go into a bookstore and you have a hard time finding speeches, books, sermons written by Dr. King," said Jones, who met Dexter King in 1980 when both were students at Morehouse College. "What we're doing is packaging all of this. We want to make sure that his legacy is available to the public."

The chairman of the African American Studies Department at Georgia State University says the marketing of King's image could have a negative on his legacy.

"You run the risk of turning King into a commodity," Charles E. Jones said. "You run the risk of the message being lost to the product. King was not the only leader in the civil rights movement, but he symbolized that movement. The mass selling of King would cheapen what he stood for."

Betty  
Crocker's

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For those interested in seeing more of (promotions) of "Living Single," contact Warner Bros. Studios, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505, 818-954-6000, and Fox-5, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035, 213-203-3553.

two did not even submit an essay; someone who cared about them did. Larry Gordon entered his wife, Diann, in the contest without telling her. He submitted an essay singing her praises as a cook and community worker.

"It was the sweetest, sweetest thing," she said. "It was such a compliment." Logan saw an announcement about the contest last year. "I thought, man, I would love to do that," she said. Her friend Pat Childress nominated Logan in an essay that began, "I've never seen my friend in a red suit, but she certainly looks right at home in an apron."

Winners of the contest get a diamond pin shaped like the Betty Crocker spoon logo, a \$500 donation to the school of their choice and 75 Betty Crocker products for a local charity.

## Singled out

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cat shows are burning the airwaves and receiving tons of coverage, *Living Single*, which was on the air first, has received no promotional or media backing for its production company and network, and has also suffered in the bounce from one successful time

slot to another against their top rivals *Friends*.

With this change, and the lack of promotion towards established and new audiences, the ratings for the show have dropped, and the future is looking bleak.

## Funding

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ing zoo houses 400 animals and not only provides children an opportunity to see exotic animals close up, they are offered the opportunity to learn about animal conservation. Yet contradictory to what was being taught, it was clear to visitors that the conditions of the zoo were not holding up to the lessons.

Turtle Back Zoo has been steadily declining since 1990 when former County Executive Thomas J. D'Alesio discontinued construction of an animal hospital on the Zoo's

grounds due to a county budget problem. With that the animal collection has decreased, the popular children's train ride has repeatedly broken down, the food concession has closed up and consequently, attendance.

Now with the extreme cuts proposed by Treffinger, which take effect April 1, the Zoo may have to look for private funding to be able to continue running. The Zoo has become a financial burden to the county, both because of its poor attendance and lack of funding.

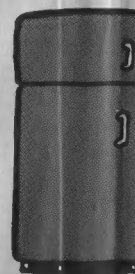
Treffinger argued, "The county has been losing millions of dollars at this facility for years while the well-documented poor conditions have driven visitors away. It's not fair to allow this tax drain to continue."

At this time as Turtle Back Zoo, along with the Zoological Society of New Jersey Inc., are searching for ways to combat the loss in funding. Treffinger is negotiating with a prospective buyer to sell the facility as a packager but in the next couple of weeks.

## Every time you use these things...



**Mailbox** - Philip B. Downing  
His design incorporated the hinged door opening that is a common feature on U.S. mailboxes.  
Patent #462,033 - October 27, 1991.



**Refrigerator** - John Stanski - He patented an improved refrigerator design with a water cooler and faucet that dispenses cold water.  
Patent #498,091 - July 14, 1991.



**Golf Tee** - George F. Grant - Prior to Grant's invention of the golf tee, golfers used tools handed to mold a hitting surface from dirt or sand.  
Patent #638,992 - December 12, 1999.



**Traffic Light** - Garrett A. Morgan - His invention of the three-way automatic traffic signal helped make the roads safer for all of us.  
Patent #1,475,024 - November 20, 1923.



**Electric Lamp with carbon filament** - Lewis Latimer - He developed key innovations in the electric lamp design resulting in improved durability. These improvements increased effectiveness and lowered costs.  
Patent #241,097 - September 13, 1901.



**Fountain Pen** - W. B. Furber - He designed a simple, durable and inexpensive fountain pen which was ideally suited for general use.  
Patent #419,065 - January 7, 1890.

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# EDITORIAL

## Something to celebrate everyday

This month we celebrate Black History Month and today we celebrate Valentine's Day. It is a great time to pay homage to the many black men and women who have sacrificed to get us to where we are today and equally so, it is a great time to show the love and affection we have for our family and friends.

Black History Month reminds us that without those hard working and long-suffering black men and women, many of us would not be able to do some of the simplest things, such as drink water from any water fountain, walk across the street with the streetlight, or be able to take part in and win Olympic events. While it is very unfortunate that much of black history is not incorporated in our American history courses, that does not mean we should neglect to learn on our own. Black History Month began as a week-long celebration, it is now celebrated for a month however only we make our past great and triumphal part of everyday life.

The same holds true for showing the people you love with candy and Valentine's cards. Just as black pride in black history is a 24/7 mind-set, showing love for family and friends must become routine in our lives.

Realizing that people are caught up in the hustle and bustle of daily life, it is understandable that they can not always find the time to make a big event out of celebrating black history or showing love for family and friends. However, by your attitude and demeanor people will know that you possess those qualities of pride and love. Celebrating Black History Month and showing your love for family and friends is a step in the right direction.

by Connie Woodruff



I don't know how Mayor Cordell Cooper feels about being replaced as a member of the N.J. Sports and Exhibition Authority. A call to the office of his public relations director a week ago has never been answered, even though the message said why I was calling.

Therefore, one can only surmise the mayor is not a happy camper. Members of the Authority serve on a volunteer basis at the pleasure of the sitting governor, but the appointment is considered one of the most prestigious in the state and there are other goodies Authority members enjoy.

The man recommended as Cooper's successor is Ronald J. Burton of Montclair. His nomination was sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee in January. Burton, a Republican, is a graduate of Colgate University

and VP of operations as well as a senior staff member at Dunn and Bradstreet.

He was a football jock at Montclair High and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1969. In the 1980s Burton served on the Montclair Board of Education, the Mountainside Hospital Board and the Colgate University Alumni Board. He has been president of the alumni group since 1993 and served on the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in New York.

Cooper was named to the board by former Governor Jim Florio. His term expired in July. Whatever the outcome Cooper won't go away too mad. A new challenge faces him as one of the New Jersey coordinators for President Clinton's reelection team.

Congressman Donald Payne's statewide African-American Alliance met last week and as expected began lining up behind Bob Torricelli, the anticipated Democratic candidate for Sen. Bill Bradley's seat in the June Primary and the role of black Jerseyans in President Clinton's re-election campaign.

There were some in the audience who felt the group was being premature in such an early endorsement

although conventional wisdom points to an all-out black support for Congressman Torricelli and the President.

This raises questions about the role Mayor Sharpe James will be asked to play in the scenario unfold. It is not unreasonably to suspect James will be asked or will volunteer to be a major player. But it appears there will have to be some fence-mending between the mayor and those already lined up behind Torricelli in particular.

Despite his popularity Congressman Payne is no match for Newark's charismatic chief executive. Sharpe's performance the night he delivered his 10th Annual State-of-the-City message left little doubt about his ability to rally the troops whenever necessary.

Sure there are times when the mayor talks too much. But few politicians can take two hours to deliver a message and keep people's attention riveted on him for all that time. Some of his actions may be questionable but people shrug off his antics saying "Sharpe will be Sharpe no matter what." And no matter how pointed and un diplomatic some of his jokes are they send people into a gale of laughter; and in the end almost every-body (friend and foe) admits Sharpe

James is a tough act to follow.

If Mayor James ever decides to leave the political arena, he can make a living as a motivational speaker. He knows how to get a SRO crowd on his side and keep 'em there until he says all he came to say.

He keeps insisting he will not be a candidate for a fourth term but he sounds mighty like a man in search of votes as he reminds us of the accomplishments of his administrations as a councilman and mayor for three decades.

He's being really coy about what the future holds for him. Ironically, I've never heard him say he would not accept a "draft" for an unprecedented fourth term. Now that's a caught not to be taken lightly by the growing list of "wannabes."

His prospective opponents should not be fooled by his clowning around and pointing fun at his sometimes over-the-top antics. Behind that carefree heart of foolery beats the steed of a seasoned and savvy politician who has perfected the game of politics and the art of survival.

My guess is that unless he is derailed by some traumatic, drastic event, predictions of his political demise any time soon are greatly exaggerated.

## ALONG THE COLOR LINE

Part one of a three part series

## Black liberation: Where do we go from here?

by Dr. Manning Marable

As we enter the 1996 presidential election campaign, African Americans are confronted with a series of candidates who can not or will not address our interests. More than ever before, we need to evaluate what has happened to the black community—politically, economically and socially—over the past few years and map a strategy which will lead to greater empowerment.

Black liberation will not be achieved by some pleasant-sounding phrases of white politicians, either Democrats or Republicans. Black liberation must instead be based on a critical analysis of the social forces which have divided our people, and what political steps can bring us together.

Many of our current political dilemmas can be traced back to the collapse of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition as a national, mass political force after the 1988 presidential election. As extreme conservatives seized power in the 1994 elections, millions of African Americans felt that their interests were unrepresented and unheard. Conditions in U.S. central cities, particularly for blacks and Latinos, reached a critical state.

As corporations relocated jobs and capital investment from urban centers, unemployment became widespread. Social services, health care systems, public housing and public transportation all experienced sharp cutbacks. The quality of urban education seriously declined. Increasingly, the criminal justice system and prisons became the chief means of social housing unemployed black and Latino young people. By 1995, 30 percent of all black males in their twenties nationwide were either in prison or jail, on probation, parole or awaiting trial.

The Los Angeles social uprising of April-May 1992, symbolized black collective outrage against the brutality of the police and the racism of the legal system, which fosters grievances of inferior schools, poor health care, second class health care, and widespread unemployment. As racial polarization and reaction increased throughout white political society, African Americans were forced to reevaluate sharply their strategies for political and social change.

In 1993 the position of NAACP secretary was narrowly won by Benjamin Chavis over Jesse Jackson. Chavis pursued a complex

agenda: advocating liberal and progressive public policies and social programs, building strong black institutions and coalitions, establishing cooperative dialogues among all representatives of the black community, including Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam; encouraging productive contacts with the alienated Hip-Hop generation urban black gangs and young people inside the criminal justice system.

Chavis's approach briefly won the tentative support from a broad spectrum of black activists, from nationalists like Maulana Karenga and Haki Madhubuti, to black socialists such as Angela Davis, Cornel West and Charles Mitchell. But within one year, a campaign to oust Chavis was orchestrated in the media, supported quickly by more moderate, old-style Civil Rights leaders and many "post-black" elected officials. The political space which remained was quickly seized by Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, advocating a socially conservative agenda markedly to the right of both Jackson and Chavis.

As Martin Luther King Jr., once asked, "Where do we go from here?" We must recognize that there is an alternative to Farrakhan's black nationalism. It is the politics of "democratic transformation"—challenging the real structures of inequality and power, restricting the power of corporate capital, expanding social programs to ensure greater opportunities for human development, and building

multicultural, multi-class resistance movements.

The politics of "democratic transformation" must be grounded in the real struggles for empowerment by African Americans around day-to-day issues. A political culture of resistance must be constructed around practical concerns: health care, the environment, reproductive rights, housing, and education.

As the practice of coalition building occurs in communities, different groups of people may learn to overcome their stereotypes and fears of each other. Part of this process must certainly occur within electoral politics, both through the support of progressive Democrats who are committed to this agenda, and more decisively, by the development of independent politics represented by the New Party, Labor Party Advocates, the Green parties, the Campaign for a New Tomorrow led by activist Ron Daniels, and other organizations.

But the next decisive struggles will be waged at the community level, in thousands of neighborhoods, through efforts to transform the consciousness and political practices of those who are most oppressed by the system.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for African American Studies at Columbia University, New York City. "Along the Color Line" appears over 275 newspapers and is featured by radio stations across the U.S. and internationally.

## Stop the assault on black youth

by Sharon Khadiji Vincent



The assault on our young people continues to escalate. It would appear that the "final solution" that some have in mind for African-American youth in particular, is to systematically annihilate them. We all know about the drugs being brought into our neighborhoods and communities to help destroy them.

We witness daily the disparity and inequities in funding and resources in urban school districts and the negative impact this has on the quality of education they receive. The ill effects of poor health care; increases in the number of teen pregnancies; dysfunctional families; the bombardment of negative images and messages being directed at our children; and a whole host of other problems that plague our youth, have taken a heavy toll on their mental, physical and spiritual well being.

The continual erosion and loss of economic opportunities for young people has added to the sense of alienation and hopelessness felt by many. People say to them, "Go out and get a job!" They ask, "Where?" When many go out to find and find jobs, they find themselves competing in a labor market filled with unemployed and underemployed older workers who are forced to settle for low or less wages, and jobs that would normally be offered to younger workers.

In addition, many of these older workers have far more work and educational experience, and generally are more reliable and dependable. A lot

of our youth get discouraged and alienated because they feel that all the cards are stacked against them.

The few opportunities that many of our young people have to obtain employment and get some experience in the real world of work are being cutback and eliminated. A glaring example of this is the current elimination of funding for Summer Jobs by Congress.

Thousands of young people who are economically disadvantaged will be denied the opportunity to be engaged in meaningful employment and training experiences this summer because of the elimination of funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program that was included in the new Continuing Resolution by the Republican-controlled Congress. The misdeeds and evil machinations of Newt Gingrich and his clones on the Hill will negatively impact these young people who already have few opportunities available to them.

What are these young people expected to do? They'll be out of school and out of work. There are very few recreational outlets for them in the community due to lack of funding and vision. If they aren't engaged in some organized, positive activities, then the possibilities increase for them to become involved in destructive and negative activities. It is unrealistic to believe anything else. We shouldn't want or expect these young people to stay cooped up in the house all day long just watching television, or even out on the corners hanging out. What are the alternatives for them?

The silence and lack of widespread protests about this elimination of funding for Summer Youth Em-

## THE PASTORS' WORD

## Budget plan provides motivation

by Revs. Reginald T. Jackson & Raiford S. Wheeler

In her budget address to the General Assembly two weeks ago Governor Whitman made several proposals to be included in the welfare plan for New Jersey. Without seeing all of the details and only hearing the outline she presented we were quite pleased. It represented an excellent point from which to begin serious dialogues.

The plan which the governor initiated provides motivation for persons on welfare to want to better themselves and move up and it provides "tough love" when they would be held accountable for doing what they can to help themselves. Several details in the governor's plan are most appealing.

First, the recognition that young welfare recipients must complete their education. Like the governor we agree this is a must. A high school education today, to be frank is almost obsolete.

Yet many of our young people, single teenage mothers do not finish

high school. They are imprisoning themselves to a life of dependency and misery. Even more they are handicapping their children with a difficult road to travel because without an education their mothers will have many problems raising and guiding them. Finishing their education at least high school must be a requirement.

Second, the requirement that they live with parents or some adult. This refers to young welfare recipients with children. Again this will help provide some stability and support for young teenage mothers.

There are far too many teenage mothers who haven't been raised themselves who aren't able to raise their children or housekeepers. Living with some adult or adults who are responsible will help them and the child to be raised and have some sense of stability.

We are concerned however with one aspect of the governor's welfare plan and that is that it does not provide for job training. Welfare recipients will find it impossible to get a good job with upward mobility if

there is no training. Jobs in fast food establishments and other jobs like them will not enable welfare recipients to get a job that will enable them to provide for themselves and their families. This will destroy motivation to get off welfare and continue dependency.

It must be conceded that many job training programs currently at work have not done an adequate job to train welfare recipients, yet makes more sense some traumatic, drastic event, predictions of his political demise any time soon are greatly exaggerated.

Again how do people get good jobs if they are not trained, and how can they have upward mobility without know how?

The Black Ministers Council put together a welfare reform proposal that included much of what the Whitman Administration has in their plan. Shortly the Council will be setting down with Commissioner Waldman of the Dept. of Human Services to discuss welfare reform and working together on a plan that empowers individuals and families.

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# YOUTH BEAT

## Kids' Calendar

**WEDNESDAYS THRU SUNDAYS**  
NEWARK—Astronauts: The Star Trailers will be shown at the Newark Museum Daybreak Planetarium, noon to 5 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6638.

**THU THRU FEBRUARY 28**  
CRANFORD—A course entitled "Basic Baseball Skills" will be offered to children and adults at Union County College each Wednesday at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**ATTENTION—Elizabeth NAACP Youth Council** presents its annual Black College Tour to Atlanta. Nine colleges in five days. Meets included. For dates and more info call Tasha 908-355-4884, or Darym 908-354-9074.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
NEW YORK—Sesame Street Live at the Paramount featuring Big Bird, Bert & Ernie and the rest of the Sesame St. gang at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$17, \$15, and \$11.50. For more info call Cathy Del Priore at 212-465-6771.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
PATASKA—The Importance of African-American History & How it Has Made a Difference in Our Lives for youth 8 to 18 years old. Essays should include name, address, phone & e-mail. Submit essays to the Chairperson, Dept. of the Paterson Free Public Library. For more info call 201-357-3000.

**ELIZABETH—The Third Annual Black Bowl Competition**, an African/American American History Competition featuring teams from 9 local high schools, at 1 p.m., in Little Theatre, Kean College. For more info call Tasha at 908-355-4884.

**PATERSON—Science Expo** featuring Research Scientist John C. Jackson, II at the Paterson Free Public Library, 250 Broadway in Assembly Rm. at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-357-3000.

**MOUNTAINIDE—Registration** for Spring Troop rising nights at the Watchung Stables. For more info call 908-783-3565.

**FEBRUARY 17 & 18**  
NEW YORK—"Sesame Street Live" at the Paramount featuring Big Bird, Bert & Ernie and the rest of the Sesame St. gang at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17, \$15, and \$11.50. For more info call Cathy Del Priore at 212-465-6771.

**FEBRUARY 17 AND 24**  
NEPTUNE—Registration will be held for girls softball, ages 8 to 16, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., at Neptune Municipal Complex. For more info call 908-5200, ext. 278.

**FEBRUARY 19 & 22**  
NEW YORK—"Sesame Street Live" at the Paramount featuring Big Bird, Bert & Ernie and the rest of the Sesame St. gang at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17, \$15, and \$11.50. For more info call Cathy Del Priore at 212-465-6771.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
SOMMERVILLE—New Jersey Ballet Co. presents its own adaptation of "Hansel & Gretel" at Ramapo Valley Community College. For more info call 908-725-3420.

**MOUNTAINIDE—Astronomy Sunday** at Trailside Nature & Science Center. The event will feature displays, demonstrations, lectures, planetarium shows and children workshops. For more info call 908-783-3674.

**ROSELLE—Youth** ages 6 to 17 are invited to take part in a Hockey Skills competition at 6 p.m. at the Wallington Skate Center. For registration info call the skate center at 908-298-7850.

**Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication.**

## Youths selected for local HIV Program

PLAINFIELD—Ten Plainfield teenagers have been selected to participate in the Peer Education Program (PEP) sponsored by Planned Parenthood's Center for Family Life Education.

As participants in the PEP program teens are trained to deliver HIV prevention workshops to their peers in out-of-school settings such as neighborhood and community center pro-

grams. The program is a part of a grant awarded to Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey to promote HIV awareness and encourage HIV testing.

The grant, entitled "All Together Now: A Community-wide Campaign for HIV Prevention," was provided by the New Jersey Department of Health's Division of AIDS Prevention and Control. The program and

grant are scheduled to last another 2 1/2 years.

Program participants are Patricia Elena Ochso from Union Catholic High School, Melissa Graham and Omar Stroud from Paul Robeson School, Brad Burnett, Kendra Smith, Akliah Rickick, Roberto Sepulveda, Stephanie Mack, Shomari Josephs and Leroy Pittman from Plainfield High School. Students were nominated for the program by guidance counselors and directors of community agencies which deal.

According to Ruth Goldsmith, Planned Parenthood's HIV Prevention Project Coordinator, the program has tremendous benefits. "It delivers a positive message to other youths as well as the local community. The Peer Educators are learning to be responsible role models and leaders in our community."

## Got flavored milk?

CEDAR KNOLLS—Are you a creative kid who likes to cook and loves milk? Well, we've got the perfect contest for you—the American Dairy Association's first "got milk?" Flavored Contest.

In conjunction with the KIDS USA Exposition, five children each will be randomly selected to participate in the "got milk?" Flavored Contest. The contest will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25, at 11 a.m.

Contestants will have a limited amount of time to work with variety of syrups, fruits, cookies, and—of course milk to create what they consider to be an award-winning flavor. Each contestant will be given a name and presented to the judges for evaluation in three categories: taste, appearance and creativity.

The grand prize winner will receive either a year's supply of milkshakes or chocolate milk, runners-up will receive \$50 worth of their favorite food to drink with milk; and honorable mentions will receive \$25 worth of their favorite food to drink with milk. To register, call 201-

539-4670. The purpose of this contest is to encourage children to drink milk, whether it's served plain, flavored, or as a milkshake. The contest will be held during the Kids Expo at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.

## This Week in Black History

**FEBRUARY 15**  
1961 - U.N. sessions are disrupted by U.S. and African nationalists over assassination of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba.

1965 - El Haj Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X) establishes the organization for Afro-American youth.

**FEBRUARY 16**  
1874 - Frederick Douglass is elected President of Freedman's Bank and Trust Co.

1923 - Bessie Smith makes her first recording for Columbia Records.

1970 - Joe Frazier knocks out Jimmy Ellis to become world heavyweight boxing champion.

**FEBRUARY 17**  
1902 - Marion Anderson, internationally acclaimed opera star, is born.

1936 - Jim Brown, one of the greatest offensive backs, film star and founder of the Negro Industrial & Economic Union, was born in Saint Simons, GA.

1938 - Mary Francis Berry, education and civil rights fighter, is born in Nashville, TN.

1942 - Huey P. Newton, co-founder and minister of defense for the Black Panthers, is born in Monroe, LA.

1963 - Michael Jordan, basketball superstar, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1962 - Thelmon Monk, jazz pianist and composer, dies.

1995 - President Clinton commemorates 220 years of African American service in the military.

**FEBRUARY 18**  
1688 - Quakers stage first formal protest against slavery.

1867 - Augusta Inarritu, later Morehouse College, is founded in Atlanta, GA.

1894 - Paul Williams, architect and designer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1931 - Toni Morrison, celebrated novelist, is born in Lorain, OH.

1934 - Birth of activist, Audre Lorde.

1973 - Palmer Hayden, a principal artist of the Harlem Renaissance, dies in New York City.

**FEBRUARY 19**  
1919 - The first Pan-African Congress, organized by W.E.B. DuBois, opens in Paris.

1923 - In Moore v. Darnall decision, US Supreme Court guarantees due process of law to blacks in state courts.

1940 - William "Smiley" Robinson, singer, is born.

1967 - Rioting erupts in Tampa, FL, after a young African American man dies from a police chokehold.

1992 - John Singleton is nominated for two Academy Awards for best director and best screenplay for his first film, Boyz n the Hood.

**FEBRUARY 20**  
1900 - J.F. Pickens patents the airship.

1927 - Sidney Poitier, actor, director, civil rights activist, is born in Miami, FL.

1929 - Writer Wallace Thurman's play Harlem opens in New York City. His first successful play by black and African American playwright.

1934 - Four Saints in Three Acts, Virgil Thompson and Gertrude Stein, premieres as the first black performed opera on Broadway.

1937 - Nancy Wilson, jazz and pop singer, is born in Chillicothe, OH.

1991 - African Americans win eight Grammys.

**FEBRUARY 21**  
1933 - Nina Simone, entertainer, is born in Tryon, NC.

1936 - Barbara Jordan, first African American state senator in Texas legislature since and three-term congressman, is born in Houston, TX.

1940 - John Lewis, founder and chairman of SNCC, is born in Troy, AL.

1965 - Malcolm X, civil rights and black power movement leader, is assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem.



Erika Hicks, the reigning "Miss Talented Teen of Union County"

## Enter the Hal Jackson Talented Teen contest

ELIZABETH—Uniting Talented Youth, Inc. Union County Division is currently recruiting for the 12th annual "Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Union County" contest. The reigning 1995 queen is 14-year-old Erika Hicks of Elizabeth.

After being crowned "Miss Talented Teen of Union County," Hicks went on to compete in the state competition where she was named first runner-up at the New Jersey finals and won over \$1,000 in cash and prizes. She attends Elizabeth's Jefferson High School. The contest promotes the development of young girls' academic and artistic excellence. Young ladies between the ages of 13 and 17 in Union County are encouraged to enter the contest. For more information call 201-372-7407 or 201-372-7199.



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## City News salutes Black History Month

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It is a history of laughter.

It is a history of joy.

It is a history of creation.

It is a history of challenge.

It is a history of great people, past and present.

A history of strong, proud, determined, BLACK people.

And so it should always be remembered and celebrated.

# LIFESTYLE S

## NESF coordinates networking training sessions

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) is coordinating Networking Training Sessions entitled "Uplifting The Hands Of Service."

The training program is an off-spring of the collaborative partnership between social service providers and religious representatives outlined at the Seventh Annual Networking Conference "Faith Without Works Is Dead" held in November 1995.

"The networking training sessions are needed," said Jeanette Page-

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Hawkins, Executive Director of NESF. "The training will build a bridge between the organizations and the community-at-large to ensure quality service to the residents of Essex County."

The training topics will focus on the various services provided by social service agencies and implement ways to ensure a sensitive social service delivery system.

The schedule for the training is as

follows: Services Workshop—Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Rectory Street; Referral Workshop Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School; Sensitivity Workshop, Friday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Catholic Community Services on Raymond Blvd. For additional information call NESF at 201-643-5727.

## Contestants sought for 20th Mrs. America Pageant

JACKSON—Lillian Lehman, the New Jersey State Director for the Nationally Televised Mrs. America Pageant is accepting applications for the 1996 pageant year. The pageant will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Somerset, NJ on Sunday, June 30, 1996. The prospective candidates must be at least 18 years old, currently married, a US Citizen (or possess a Green Card), and a resident of New Jersey for at least six months. Women interested in entering the pageant must submit to the pageant headquarters a current snapshot and a brief biography of themselves.

The Mrs. America pageant is the only pageant of its kind for married women that is nationally televised. The event is dedicated to promoting the ideals of the contemporary American Married Woman. The competition includes a twenty minute interview with the panel of judges, and on stage Swimsuit and Evening Gown Competitions. There is no performing talent requirement. Approximately 80 percent of the women who enter have never participated in a pageant before.

The current Mrs. America Kimberly Brasher from Edmond, OK is a 35-year-old Attorney at Law. She is married with four sons.

To receive your official application, by the February 15th deadline, please write to the Mrs. New Jersey America Pageant, PO Box 23, Jackson, NJ 08527-0023, or call: 908-928-9050.

## Help is on the way

BELL MEAD—If you are a parent who is currently having questions about your child and are not sure where to find the answers, The Parent's HelpLine may be able to help. The line is a free service for parents with questions or concerns about their children or adult offspring.

The service is a "warmline" not a "hotline," according to Charlene Alderfer, Ed.D., supervisor of the Family Therapy Institute at Career Foundation. A caller may contact the Parent's HelpLine at anytime and leave a message. A family therapist from the Family

Therapy Institute will answer the call within 24 hours, or on weekends by the following Monday.

The HelpLine assists parents with concerns about infants through adolescence and beyond, and with matters ranging from bedtime and training problems to shaping parental responsibilities.

With adolescents, a parent's concern might be setting curfews or dealing with alcohol and drug use. With adult offspring, it might be a son or daughter leaving home (or not leaving home). Contact the Parent's HelpLine by calling 908-281-0974.

## Black History Calendar

### FEBRUARY THRU MARCH

PATERSON—Black & White Realities art exhibition by Kenneth Morris at the library. For more info call 201-357-3000.

TRENTON—A selection from the NJ State Museum's permanent collection of works by African-American artists is on view throughout the third floor of the line art gallery. For more info call the museum at 609-292-6308.

CAMDEN—The Firehiker Project will discuss "A Time for Reconciliation and Rebuilding History" at Rutgers University at 12:15 p.m. For more info call 609-225-6026.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

WAYNE—Various faculty from WPCs African-American and Caribbean Students Dept. will participate in a symposium entitled "Celebrating Culture in the African Diaspora" 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 200B. For more info call 201-595-3103.

UNION—The Keon College Arts Series presents "Shades of Harlem" at the NJ Wilkins Theatre. For more info call 800-JERSEY-7.

NEW YORK—Jazz At Lincoln Center presents Jazz on Film "Focus of Spheres" A Celluloid Look at the Impact and Artistry of Thelonious "Sphere" Monk in the Walter Reade Theatre. For tickets call CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.

WAYNE—The Evolution of Jazz. America's Classic Music! a lecture and demonstration by Dr. Yusuf Ali and his Jazz Ensemble at WPC in the student center ballroom at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-595-3103.

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

PRINCETON—Performance of "Greenbook" at Carver Theatre. Showtime at 8 p.m. Single's Theatre Party to order tickets call 609-683-8000.

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents Gallery Talk: African-American Art with Joe Jacobs, curator of painting and sculpture at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 16. For more info call 201-596-6500.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

ENGLISHTOWN—The Harlem Blues & Jazz Band appears in concert at 8 p.m. at the John Harms Theatre. For tickets call 201-567-3600.

NEW YORK—Opera Star Grace Bumbury presents the U.S. premiere of the Grace

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## Choosing the right vitamins for your child

POMPANO BEACH, FL—Children, like adults, have special nutritional needs which may require vitamin supplementation. Studies have shown that children from all backgrounds, including middle and upper income families, often have nutritional deficiencies. "Junk" foods, irregular meal times, colds, flu, and other illnesses contribute to the problem by depleting the body's store of important nutrients.

Vitamins C and A, and minerals such as Calcium and Zinc are among the nutrients that are frequently found to be low in children.

"Picky eaters" often respond well to the addition of Zinc to the diet.

## Adoption Information Forum



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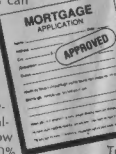
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Burlington	33,120	Morris	39,520
Camden	33,120	Ocean	36,320
Essex	39,520	Passaic	42,160
Gloucester	33,120	Somerset	43,680
Hudson	28,240	Union	39,520
Middlesex	43,680	Warren	30,880

## Being Black in America: A Real Picture

## Remember your first real history lesson?

When Grandma used to sit you down and talk about her life she wasn't just telling tales.

She was following a long line of Black historians who passed their precious knowledge from generation to generation using the most expressive instrument created: The human voice.

This knowledge is power. Because when you know where you come from you know who you are. Our grandparents knew this. So did W.E.B. Dubois, Sojourner Truth, Carter G. Woodson and Martin Luther King.

They also knew how important it was that this knowledge continue to be handed down. We all have a responsibility to preserve and protect this history in order to positively affect the quality of our future.

Anheuser-Busch appreciates this fact. We have an ongoing commitment to forging partnerships with Black organizations across the country which are involved in preserving the Black cultural heritage.

And we've brought Black history into the community through our Great Kings and Queens of Africa art collection.

A real picture of being Black in America includes all of us. The future rests on people of all races working together to make our common reality one we can all be proud of.

Building a future in partnership with the community.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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**FEBRUARY 14 THRU MARCH 24**  
MILLBURN—World Premier of Comfortable Shoes by Clint Holmes at the Paper Mill Playhouse. For info call 201-736-4343.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
MADISON—Fairleigh Dickinson University's Maxwell Becton College of Arts invites you on "Close Encounters with Music Around the World" featuring a lecture on "An American in Africa" a musical observation from a year in Ghana in the Hartman Lounge of the mansion. 2:30 p.m. For more info call 201-593-8750.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
ATLANTIC CITY—Don't miss the Grand 100 Band Dance Party series from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 8:15 for tickets call Ticketmaster at 800-736-4422.

**FEBRUARY 17-MARCH 10**  
NEW BRUNSWICK—Cheap Sentiment at the George Street Playhouse. For info call 908-246-7177.

**MORRISTOWN—'94 Charing Cross Road** at the Bickford Theatre at the Morris Museum. For info call 201-538-8092.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
MADISON—Jazz: African-American Contribution to World Culture (A Personal Viewpoint). Lecture-demonstration with Dr. Billy Taylor in Lantier Hall of the mansion. For more info call 201-593-8750.

**THRU FEBRUARY 18**  
SUMMIT—An exhibition, "Luis Cruz Azaceta: A Painter's Passage" at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call Audrey Palmieri at 908-273-9121.

**NEW YORK—"King Lear" starring F. Murray Abraham** at the Public Theatre 425 Lafayette St. between Astor Pl. For more info call 212-260-2400.

**MONTCLAIR—"Clearing Air: Conversations with African-American Artists."** Artists include Janet Taylor Pickett, Ben Jones and Vivian McDuff. 3 p.m. at the Montclair Art Museum. For more info call 201-746-5555.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication.

## Harlem Diary: Nine Voices of Resilience

HARLEM, N.Y.—The setting is Harlem, but the voices could belong to young adults in virtually any urban American city... Making its world television premiere on the Discovery Channel Sunday, February 25, *Harlem Diary: Nine Voices of Resilience* is a celebration of the spirit and strength of today's inner-city youth—a population often misrepresented and misunderstood by mainstream media.

The program chronicles the lives of nine residents of Harlem, ages 12 to 26, as they tell their stories in their own words. For the film, each person uses video to bring viewers into their lives and experience their successes, failures, hopes and dreams. *Harlem Diary* was released theatrically on a limited basis (New York and Los Angeles) in October 1995, to critical acclaim.

Nikki Matos—At 18, she is a single mother. When one of her best friends, Mark, dies in a random shooting, she makes sure that people don't forget him. Nikki, who aspires to be a filmmaker and writer, describes her son as an "endangered species" and is trying to make a better world for him.

"In order to maintain your sanity you had to harden yourself... When I found out I was pregnant I wanted a girl because I knew that I didn't have the strength or courage to raise a man or to cope with ever losing him.



So I set my heart up for a girl. Then I learned what I had dreamed—it was a boy...

Damon Williams—At 20 years old, Damon was an inmate at Riker's Island. His drug-addicted mother died of AIDS. His father has been in prison since Damon was seven, and his brother is doing 7-10 years for homicide. Through it all, Damon maintains a spirit of resilience as he tries to better himself and open up possibilities for his future.

"My mother did all she could for me and my brother and I love her for that but I hate the things she used to do to get high. In my house was drugs, sick talkers and no money. I always wanted to have for myself and my brother. I started selling crack, 'cause that's what I knew best..."

## Food for thought

This week our book list of quality reading continues with *Uplifting the Race* and *Abiding Courage*.

**Uplifting the Race**  
*Black Leadership, Politics, and Culture in the Twentieth Century*  
by Kevin K. Gaines, Princeton University

The Million Man March focused national attention on the identity and status of African Americans. According to Kevin Gaines, similar issues were raised by black leaders at the turn of the century, as African-American leaders and intellectuals struggled to articulate a positive identity amid the violent racism of the era. Their ideology of "racial uplift" centered on an ethos of self-help and material and moral improvement. Gaines focuses on the intersections between

race and gender in both racial uplift ideology and black nationalist thought, showing that the meaning of uplift was intensely contested even among those who shared its aims.

**Abiding Courage**  
*African American Migrant Women and the East Bay Community*  
by Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo, St. Mary's College of California

Today, we generally think of the immigrant community in California as Hispanic or Asian. But a generation ago, another group of "immigrants" to the Golden State forged profound changes in their own lives and in the politics of their communi-

ties. Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo recovers the remarkable experiences of the African-American women who moved from the rural South to the East Bay area of northern California during World War II. Her research shows how these women successfully established new community institutions and services while holding together their families and making the transition to jobs in an industrial, wartime economy. Lemke-Santangelo interviewed fifty women who tell their stories in the book.

## The Promised Land airs on Discovery Channel



A family prepares for the great migration north to the 'promised land.' Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Between 1940 and 1970, more than five million Americans journeyed from the rural South to the urban North in search of new jobs, new freedom and new lives. It was the greatest peacetime migration in the nation's history, the largest peacetime migration of any people in the world, and it literally transformed American politics and popular culture.

The critically-acclaimed, five-part mini-series *The Promised Land* reveals America's untold story of its encores presentation, Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23, from 10 to 11 p.m. (ET/PT) and 2 to 3 a.m. (ET/PT) each night. The mini-series, chronicles the odyssey of two generations of African Americans through a combination of documentary reportage, music and real-life storytelling.

Inspired by Nicholas Lemann's acclaimed 1991 book of the same name, *The Promised Land* was the first major series to document a phenomenon that was virtually ignored by mainstream media and historians while it was happening, and which has received little recognition since.

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Feb-16	Feb-17	Feb-23
Gerald Albright George Howard Walter Beasley Everette Harp	All My Children "Foxy" Keith Hamilton Cobb a "Mateo" Mark Consuelos	Faith Evans
Mar-12	Mar-28	Apr-20
Tuck & Patti	Bela Fleck and the FleckTones	Regina Bell

## A Touch of Elegance black Bridal Fair

NEW BRUNSWICK—Touch of Elegance Black Bridal Fair will hold its annual bridal fair at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in New Brunswick. The fair is the largest black bridal fair held in New Jersey and is designed to identify, introduce and promote the primary use of minority businesses in the wedding industry.

The fair will run from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, with a spectacular fashion show at 3 p.m. featuring traditional African and Afrocentric inspired gowns and designs by designers such as Bryan K. Osburn, Leslie Coombs, Tina Scott and Johnathan of Nigerian Fashions & Fabrics.

Cake designer Charnaine Jones of "Isn't that Special Outrageous Cakes" will display her cake designs. Over \$5000 in door prizes and gifts will be given away at the fair, with a grand prize of a surprise honeymoon trip.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. For additional information on the fair call 908-846-1380.

## Noah and Mateo to appear at Club Bené

SAYERVILLE—All My Children's Keith Hamilton Cobb, (Noah Keeler) and Mark Consuelos (Mateo) will be appearing at the Club Bené for an evening of audience interaction. Both actors will be relating anecdotal material concerning their characters in the soap as well as their personal lives.

There will also be a question and answer session to enable the audience to interact with both men on a one-to-one basis. Classically trained and in love with the works of Shakespeare, Cobb brings several years of theatre experience in his role as Keeler.

His sympathetic portrayal has garnered him the Soap Opera Digest Best Newcomer Award and an Emmy nomination, both within the first nine months on the show.

Mark Consuelos joined the cast of All My Children in February of last year. Before joining the cast of All My Children he had cameo appearances on Fortune Hunter and SeaQuest. For reservations call 908-727-3000.

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## Business Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**SOMERSET**—Is Somerset County Business Center Under Siege? with guest speaker Rev. DeForest Marshall. 11:30 a.m. at the Somerset Marriott. For more info call 508-725-1552. Sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**ORLANDO, FL**—NAMC Annual Mid-Winter Conference, sponsored by the National Association of Minority Contractors. For more info call 202-347-8259.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**CRANFORD**—One day seminar to help those interested in starting their own service-based business, 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-714-2107.

**NEWARK**—RBP Business Breakfast Series with a focus on business planning at the Newark Club 8 to 10 a.m. For more info call 212-422-6237.

**HOBOKEN**—Black History: The Last 30 Years, business and professional networking mixer, 6 p.m. at Two Hudson Place Supper Club (directly across from PATH). For advance tickets only call 201-798-1244.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**PLAINFIELD**—Seminar, Business Writing Work Reading at the United National Bank's Comm. Education Ctr. 8:30 a.m. For more info call 908-756-5000, ext. 2366.

**NYC, NY**—So You Want To Start Your Own Business? A look at the state of entrepreneurship sponsored by the Black PR Society at the Bursar Martell PR 2nd Fl. Conf. Rm. For more info call 212-614-4559.

**NYC, NY**—New York's Minority Business Breakfast & networking opportunity for small minority-owned entrepreneurs, 9 a.m. at the Star's Veranda Restaurant 319 Broadway, RSVP by Feb. 16. For more info call 212-264-1234. Sponsored by U.S. General Serv. Administration.

**BEAUMONT, TX**—Golden Triangle Minority Business Council: Seventeenth Annual Mini Expo '96 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza. For more info call Beverly Hatcher at 409-835-1151.

## BUSINESS EXCHANGE COMMENTARY

## Black newspapers' mark on history

by William Reed

Is America's Black Press still viable? With "mainstream" newspapers now hiring more black reporters and editors and giving more coverage to African-American communities than ever before, is there still a need for black-oriented newspapers? As the nation's 200 black community-oriented newspapers approach their 160th anniversary of existence and the celebration of Black Press Week 1996, this question still plague African-American publishers in their outreach to the general public, potential subscribers, advertisers and mainstream media, even as each recognizes high-income blacks as a new and growing market.

For over 160 years the Black Press of America has been lighting the road to freedom for African Americans by combating the prejudice, discrimination and brutality that the white-owned press, and their reporters, say doesn't exist. On March 16, 1827, John Russwurm and Rev. Samuel E. Cornish published Freedom's Journal in New York City, making it America's first black newspaper. The weekly tabloid was published in response to printed attacks against freed and enslaved blacks, as well as black leaders and abolitionists. During that period in American history mainstream newspapers openly opposed reforms to aid blacks.

In succeeding decades, Freedom's Journal rose to a "champion" of freedom and equal rights for people of color was followed by outstanding newspaper publications across the country influencing the issues and

views of almost all Black Americans. Black publishers/businessmen such as Robert S. Abbott, with his Chicago Defender; Robert L. Vann, with the Pittsburgh Courier; and John Murphy and his Afro-American chain out of his Baltimore headquarters joined with the DeJoses of New Orleans, Scotts in Atlanta and others to be the primary voice of, and to, the black community of the nation. Scores of black family businesses, and traditions, have evolved through generations of the Black Press. Throughout the years, the Black Press has played a vital role in providing Black Americans information and employment. Many of the mainstream media's leading black reporters and editors got their start at the Indianapolis Recorder, Louisville Defender, The Birmingham World, the L.A. Sentinel, or one of hundreds of other "Black Schools of Journalism."

The Houston Informer and Freedman, Baltimore Afro-American, and Indianapolis Recorder are among the many black newspapers that are over a 100-years old. Today, as then, the primary purpose of the Black Press remains providing accurate information about and for blacks. Like Frederick Douglass, Monroe Trotter and Dr. C.B. Powell before them, many black publishers are still playing a personal role in their communities. Robert W. Bogle, publisher of the 111-year-old Philadelphia Tribune, serves as the first black on the board of directors of USAir. Floyd Adams, who publishes the Savannah Herald, is also mayor of that antebellum Georgia city. Melvin Williams, publisher of the Macon Cou-

rier, is a member of the County Commission. Charles Cherry, a Morehouse graduate who publishes two newspapers in Florida, is on Daytona Beach's City Commission.

Is the Black Press still viable? Over 10 million readers a week say, "Yes." According to a recent survey of black newspaper readership: "The black newspaper reader exhibits signs that could be considered 'traditional American values.' Their career attainments point to a belief in the work ethic and their financial status suggests affluence." Today's black newspaper readers are from stable homes, the majority being married; nearly half earn \$50,000 or more a

year and are significantly influenced by what they read in black newspapers. Most spend 30 minutes or more reading their favorite black newspaper and are primarily interested in reading national and local news stories.

If the Black Press is not viable, who else editorialized and publicized the events and issues for the Million Man March almost a year in advance? Who painted a totally different picture and provided the cultural perspective before and during the Simpson trial that eventually won acquittal for O.J.? Who gave Death Row journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal a national voice when prison officials

attempted to silence him? Black Americans comprise less than five percent of newsmen managers in mainstream publications and broadcast facilities across the country, so who helps the public from being deceived by misrepresentations the mainstream media has been providing against blacks for centuries?

Are black newspapers viable today? Surely they are as they have been for 160 years, and hopefully for scores more. If readers think so as well, during Black Press Week, which occurs March 11 - 17, they should make it a point to call up this publication and tell them so.

## Microsoft, BET launch joint venture

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"This relationship will create an independent and interactive voice for black America," said Bob Johnson, chairman and chief executive of BET Holdings, the Washington, DC-based parent of the black-oriented cable station.

"This venture will ensure that black America will be part of the information superhighway," he said.

Bill Gates, Microsoft's chairman, said Thursday in a videotaped statement played at the press conference that about 25 percent of all blacks use a personal computer.

"The goal of our venture is nothing less than to be the premium brand for African Americans on the information superhighway," Gates said.

The venture initially will focus on developing arts, public affairs and shopping for the Microsoft Network, the Redmond, Wash. company's online service. It also will work on interactive television, CD rom titles and other entertainment products.

A new company will be formed by the Microsoft and BET joint venture and it will be managed from

BET's Washington headquarters. The new company also plans to offer programs for other companies seeking to target the black market.

## Freedom

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their freedom. Caesar Hendricks, a slave in Massachusetts, sues his master in court "for detaining him in slavery."

1774-Blacks file another petition with Massachusetts General Court asking for freedom as a natural right. The Continental Congress calls for an end to the slave trade, and Thomas Jefferson argues for the abolition of slavery in "A Summary of the Rights of British America."

1776-The Continental Congress adopts the draft of the Declaration of Independence that does not include Jefferson's proposed statement on slavery.

1777-Vermont becomes the first state to abolish slavery.

1779-Blacks in New Hampshire sue Jefferson's arguments in the Declaration of Independence on their own behalf, petitioning the state legislature to grant their freedom because it is "an inherent right of the human species." The 20 blacks cite "life and freedom" and "perfect equality with the other men" as inalienable rights granted by God.

1780-Pennsylvania passes a gradual emancipation act. Paul Cuffe, an adventure child, Paul Cuffe, Samuel Gray, Pero Howland, Pero Russell, and Pero Coggeshall, all free blacks living in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, petition the general court to exempt them from taxation because they are denied suffrage and other rights of citizenship. Through these efforts, free blacks gain the rights and privileges of citizenship in Massachusetts.

## CBS exec quits

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such circumstances," it read. "We now consider this matter closed." The network also said that Pike maintains he didn't make the comments.

The alleged remarks came in a closed-door meeting with producers of The State, a comedy troupe. They were reported by Details writer David Lipsky, who was profiling The State and its travels in angling for a late-night show on CBS by mounting a Halloween comedy special for the network.

Pike supposedly made his remarks at his first meeting with the producers. Lipsky acknowledged he did not attend the meeting, but said Pike's remarks were related to him by others who were. Details, which focuses on entertainment and fashion, said it stands by the story.

Pike, through CBS publicists, declined repeated requests for interviews and comment. The State's producers at the meeting also refused to talk.

What did Pike say? In Lipsky's paraphrase, Pike "flatly explains that research shows there are three reasons why African-Americans are an important part of the late-night demographic: First, they have no place to

go in the morning—no jobs—so they can stay up as late as they like; second, they can't follow hour-long drama shows—an attention span—so sketches are perfect for them; third, network television is free."

Even before the issue of Details was on newstands, CBS Entertainment President Leslie Moonves ordered an internal investigation. Moonves said at the time that if the allegations were true, CBS "will take appropriate action."

He did not elaborate and, perhaps significantly, expressed no support for Pike, who'd come to CBS from high-profile jobs at Paramount Television and MGM, and has acquired a reputation for being outspoken.

CBS' Late Show lifted the network to No. 1 with host David Letterman in the 1992-93 season. However, CBS' prime-time ratings since have fallen to third place.

Performance and the conspicuous silence from above might have figured in Pike's decision to quit. And, said one industry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, "You also have to consider the possibility that it's absolutely true."

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# Trading police—cards that is

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—"I'll trade you Sanders for Robinson." "Only if you throw in your spare Johnson." "OK." Kids trading baseball or basketball cards is an old hobby, but kids collecting and trading police cards is something new.

As part of a program, which began in May 1995, Plainfield Police Officers are standing up to be shot at, by cameras, for its First Edition of Plainfield Police Division - Police Trading Cards. Started by Detective Jim Schultes when he attended a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) conference, the program hopes to provide and improve relations between the youth of the city and its police officers.

"This is a great, unique way for youngsters in our community to get to know the officers who are out there each day working to keep their streets safe," said Police Chief John Driscoll.

The cards, which are being offered for free, came out just recently and can be obtained from any police officer, as long as he is not in a serious situation, or by going down to the police station at the front desk. The

cards, presently 34, will eventually include all 140 members of the police force.

While the cards are a plus for providing a contact between the police and the community, they are an added bonus for not having cost the public any money. Funded principally by the Plainfield Municipal Alliance and augmented by the Community Partnership Program (Community Oriented Policing Officers), the program hopes to last for a while, so they are offering sponsorships to local businesses and individuals.

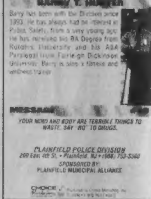
Like sports collectors and trading cards, the police cards have a glossy picture front, with information about the officer and a positive message on the back.

So the next time you hear kids trading "Sanders," "Robinson," or "Johnson," realize that they may not mean "Barry," "David," and "Magic." They are talking about Det. Rodney D. Sanders, Det. Lisa Robinson, Police Officer Benita R. Robinson and Police Officer Kenneth L. Johnson.

For more information on getting cards or sponsoring, call Sgt. Donald Moyet at 908-753-3028 or Det. James Schultes at 908-753-3138.



Front of trading card



Back of trading card

**Happy Valentine's Day!!! to all our readers.**  
From the staff  
of City News

## Building anew

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—Would you like to brush up on your computer skills, or learn a new trade? Maybe you would rather take care of your body? Well Plainfield's Adult School of Continuing Education wants to help you start out the spring on the right foot with an offering of almost 70 different courses.

This spring the Plainfield Adult School of Continuing Education is offering a wide variety of courses in the areas of computers, career enhancement, starting your own business, arts and crafts, music and dance, home and home improvements, personal growth and better health, fitness and recreation, beauty, and academics.

Realizing that most people have very busy schedules, the school is offering more one-night seminars and shorter courses than in the past. Along with these added shorter courses, they are also providing many new, exciting and educational courses, such as Intro, and Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint for Windows 4.0; how to be a dental receptionist; Reiki; and a hair care seminar.

An additional bonus to attending the school is the inexpensive cost of their courses. For those interested in more information call 908-753-3251 or 3252, for a brochure, or stop in at their open house, on Tuesday, February 27, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at Plainfield High School Cafeteria, where you can preview courses for the spring and meet instructors.

## News

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"The black community will take pride in knowing that many of the items used in their day-to-day lives were invented by black people," Moore says. "Many who visit the museum will experience a sense of appreciation of the brilliance that the inventors possessed." —ST. LOUIS, MO

### FORMER GOVERNOR COMMENTS ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STUDY

Honored at a Business Policy Review Council (BPRC) tribute to corporate pioneers, former Federal Reserve member Andrew F. Brimmer announced he had recently completed a study of affirmative action in American businesses. "What I found is that while affirmative action is frequently viewed to overcome the consequences of past discrimination, we found that affirmative action is needed exactly when discrimination has ended. Affirmative action is needed to ensure that African Americans can take advantage of opportunities once they are inside." —WASHINGTON, DC

### HEINEKEN BREWERY LOCKED IN TV RACISM DISPUTE

Dutch brewing giant Heineken was plunged into a racism dispute recently when a top executive said a television show the company was sponsoring had "too many Negroes" on it. Heineken has apologized for the remarks, but one leading British black newspaper said the brewery executive should be fired and one million pounds (\$1.55 million) paid to African charities. After viewing pilots of a new music and youth culture show for British and continental European television, Justus Kos, an executive in Heineken's sponsorship department, faxed a response saying of the audience, "There was too high a proportion of Negroes." Heineken Chief Executive Karel Vuursteen has apologized, saying, "It should never have been written. I am totally shocked about the content, since it is totally against everything Heineken stands for. Heineken denounces all discrimination and will live up to that." —HOLLAND

## Black History Calendar

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Brumby Black Musical Heritage Ensemble, a musical chorus celebrating the spiritual and gospel music of African Americans. Concert at 8 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 17 THRU 20**  
NEWARK—Join ECC on an excursion trip to historically Black Colleges: Shaw University, North Carolina Central, North Carolina A&T and Livingstone University. Tour includes hotel accommodations and some meals. Single: \$170, Double: \$150, Triple: \$125, Quad: \$100. For more info call 201-677-9228.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
VAUCLIFF—The Union Township Community Action Organization Inc.'s Black History and MLK Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oliver Young Annex on Springfield Ave. For more info call 908-686-6150.

NEWARK—A day-long conference at Rutgers-Newark will examine the Supreme Court decision of separate but equal. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Robeson Campus Center. For more info call Dr. Price at 201-624-8422.

FISCATAWAY—"Africa Under the Light," a variety of presentations highlighting the culture of different African nations focusing on Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria at 2 p.m. in the Robeson Campus Center at Rutgers University for more info call Ukoaka Nwogu at 908-782-2507.

HARLEM—Sixth Annual Black History Luncheon sponsored by the NAACP Religious Affairs Committee at 1 p.m. featuring guest speaker Rev. Calvin Butts. For tickets call Nancy Washington at 908-527-0408.

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library presents "Black American Stage" a play performed by the Ensemble Theatre Co. at 2 p.m. For more info call 201-733-5643.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Enjoy an evening with the Caribbean Jazz Projects at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. For more info call 800-JERSEY-7.

NEWARK—Newark Museum Film program: "Basal Davidson's Africa Series: Different But Equal" at 2 p.m., "Follow The Drinking Gourd" (children's film) at 3:30 p.m. both in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info call 201-596-6550.

SOMERVILLE—Legendary pop musician Ritchie Havens will perform in concert at the Edward Nash Theatre at the Raritan Community College at 8 p.m. For tickets call 908-725-3420.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Historical Society presents "A Discussion Group" Two Hundred Years of African-Americans in Montclair" at 2 p.m. in the Israel Crane House at 110 Orange Road.

PERTH AMBOY—Newark Boys Chorus in concert, 8 p.m. at the Catholic Social Center at 908-626-5293.

WAYNE—Milt Hiten and his trio in concert at 4 p.m. at WPC with a 3 p.m. discussion in Shea Center's Recital Hall. For more info call 201-595-3103.

PRINCETON—Performance of "Greenwood" at 4 p.m. at WPC with a 3 p.m. discussion in Shea Center's Recital Hall. For more info call 609-683-8000.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
NEWARK—Rutgers Newark film festival with documentaries by filmmaker Martin Riggs, "Color Adjustment" at 11:30 a.m. in the Dana Rm. of the Dana Library. For more info call 201-648-5262.

**FEBRUARY 20 - 23**  
CRANFORD—Food drive sponsored by UCC to benefit St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Food can be dropped off at the Plainfield, Elizabeth and Scotch Plains campuses. For more info call 908-709-7123.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
EDISON—Black Independent Schools: A Neglected Resource, discussion at noon in Rm. 3198 of Middlesex County College (MCC) student center. For more info call 908-906-2566.

CAMDEN—Million Man March Reunion and Stop the Violence rally sponsored by POP, noon at the Blockbuster-Sony Music Entertainment Center. Bus leaves Broad St. in Newark at 9 a.m. \$15 per person for more info call 201-643-7711.

PLAINFIELD—A discussion on Plainfield's black churches, with Dr. Leonard Bethel at 7 p.m. in the Plainfield Library. For more info call 908-757-1111.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
HARLEM—"A Cultural Visit to Harlem" sponsored by WPC. Trip includes visit to the Schomburg Library and the Apollo Theatre. Tickets for WPC students are \$5, faculty and staff \$7 and \$10 general public. Bus leaves WPC at 10:45 at 1:30 p.m. and returns at midnight. For more info call 201-595-3103.

NEWARK—Rutgers' film festival concludes with the showing of "Black is... Black Art" at 2:30 p.m. in the Dana Rm. 201-648-5262.

NEW YORK, NY—"Celebrating the Life of Malcolm X," annual memorial program, 7 p.m. at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138th St. Admission is free.

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